

LEGISLATURE WILL ADJOURN ON MARCH 27

SENATE CONCURS IN THE HOUSE AMENDMENT FIXING DATE.

SCHOOL GETS \$80,000

This Sum is Appropriated for Institution for Juvenile Delinquents.

Jackson, March 20.—The Mississippi lawmakers seem to have gotten into their working clothes Tuesday, both House and Senate turning out considerable grit. The fact that Wednesday week, March 27, has been finally settled on as the day for the sine die adjournment has had the effect of spurring the members to renewed efforts to get together. This was indicated when the House members passed the important state, industrial and training school for juvenile delinquents appropriation bill, carrying upwards of \$45,000 for support and maintenance and \$35,000 for additions and improvements. It provoked considerable discussion and stout objections, but finally passed by a safe margin.

The Senate also, in the same spirit of getting to get if possible, passed without a dissenting vote the bill for support of the state tuberculosis sanitarium at Magee. The importance of this institution and its acquisition after so many years of hoping and waiting and working, has impressed itself on the legislative mind. The only regret was that Drs. Leathers and Boswell could not be spared even more than the bill allows.

In the hall of representatives Tuesday afternoon Chairman Howerton of appropriations presented some figures that attracted attention. He showed that there have been passed and signed by the governor bills appropriating \$8,331,324.74. Other bills have passed the two houses, or one or the other, carrying an added total of \$4,243,073.62. This makes a grand total of \$12,574,427.36, with possible additions before they are through.

After some discussion the House passed the highway department support fund bill, carrying a total of \$10,000 for each year, being an increase over the amount given by the Senate. The rider declaring that the highway engineer shall not receive extra compensation for planning and supervising public buildings, however, was retained.

The Senate passed the House ways and means committee bill, to provide for a better and more uniform system of property assessments in the counties. It requires the tax commission to prepare and furnish to county supervisors and tax assessors all of the necessary blanks and rolls taking it out of the hands of the auditor's office. The bill sets up the best kind of machinery for carrying into effect the public policy of the state as represented by the tax equalization commission plan.

Aviator is Killed. News was received here the past week by Mr. P. P. Phillips announcing the death of his cousin, Lt. Frank Whitner, of Atlanta, who was a volunteer in the army, serving as an aviator in France. He was engaged in observation work with the artillery branch of the service when an accident occurred to his machine and he was killed in the fall.

Columbians in Memphis. Among the Columbians who are attending the Liberty Loan meeting in Memphis are Mr. B. A. Lincoln, chairman of the speakers' bureau; Mr. P.-W. Maer, chairman of the publicity committee and Mr. F. P. Phillips, chairman of the sales committee. Messdames P. W. Maer, John T. Sanford and F. P. Phillips accompanied the part to the Bluff City.

Children are big factors in the W. S. S. campaign: Savings which children make in the War-Savings campaign will by no means equal the amount saved by adults. The result to the nation, however, in the future can by no means be minimized when one considers the vast benefits which will be established by this means in the lives of school children all over the country.

HIGH SCHOOL WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, APR. 1

DATE DEFINITELY FIXED AT CONFERENCE HELD YESTERDAY.

SPEAKERS INVITED TO CALL A MEETING

Hon. Blewett Lee and Dr. A. A. Kincannon Invited to Talk.

At a conference which was held yesterday afternoon and which was participated in by Mayor D. S. McClanahan, Prof. J. C. Meadows, superintendent of public schools, Councilman L. A. Vaughn, Contractor H. C. Terry and others it was definitely decided to open the new Stephen D. Lee High School on Monday, April 1.

Two well known former Columbians, Hon. Blewett Lee, general counsel of the Illinois Central railroad, after whose father, the late Gen. Stephen D. Lee, the school has been named, and Hon. A. A. Kincannon, who for nearly a decade was president of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, have been invited to deliver addresses at the opening of the building, and if they find it possible to be in Columbus on April 1, which is considered likely, the formal opening will take place then. Should these two gentlemen find it impossible to be here at that time, however, the formal opening will be postponed to a date which better suits their convenience; but at all events the actual use of the building for school purposes will begin on April 1.

The new building was erected at a cost of \$75,000 and is one of the handsomest structures of its character in the state. The bonds providing for its erection were voted largely as the result of valiant work on the part of the Ladies' Civic League and the building will stand as an everlasting monument to their successful effort to secure adequate accommodations for the educable children of Columbus.

Fire Damages School. The new Stephen D. Lee High School, which has just been erected at a cost of \$75,000 and which has never been formally opened, was slightly damaged by fire which broke out in the basement Monday afternoon. A laborer was burning some trash on the cement when a portion of the wood work caught fire, and the laborer, finding it impossible to subdue the flames, turned in an alarm. The blaze which was subdued without difficulty by the firemen, resulted in a loss of about \$100.

Clean-up Campaign. The Ladies' Civic League has inaugurated its annual spring clean-up campaign and is urging all householders to thoroughly clean their premises. They have also published cards in local newspapers warning heads of families against the danger of the propagation of malarial germs by mosquitoes and urging them to avoid this danger by keeping all doors and windows carefully screened.

Blows Open Safe. Upon entering his place of business Monday morning, Mr. Roy F. Buqua, who is managing the Columbus Brick Company's commissary, northeast of the city, found that the door of the safe of the company had been blown off by a heavy charge of nitroglycerine. It is thought that the robbery took place early Sunday morning, and the burglars who entered the safe secured nearly \$300.

War has a way of driving on without regard to the desires or conveniences of the individual. This is no time for hesitation. If you are going to do your part to bring victory nearer, you must start today. Join a War-Saving Society. Decide now and cut down the unnecessary things and lend what you have to the government.

Negro Before Cummings. Lonnie Evans, a negro, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge T. M. Cummings, Monday morning, after being tried for selling booze in the city by the drink, and on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.

COUNTY WILL SOON HAVE A DEFENSE BOARD

LOCAL AUXILIARY OF NATIONAL BODY TO BE ORGANIZED.

MEETING TO PERFECT ORGANIZATION WILL BE CALLED AT AN EARLY DATE.

Meeting to Perfect Organization Will Be Called at an Early Date.

Following the return of the Columbians who attended the meeting of the state auxiliary of the National Defense Council which was held in Jackson last week, a movement looking towards the organization of a local branch of the council has been undertaken and will be pushed forward to consummation with all possible haste.

Columbus was represented at the meeting held in Jackson by Mr. F. P. Phillips, chairman of the local fuel commission; Mr. Parker Reeves, member of the state fuel advisory board, and Mr. B. A. Lincoln, chairman of the Lowndes county speakers' bureau, and they were very much impressed with the earnestness of Secretary Houston and other speakers who delivered addresses. These speakers emphasized the necessity for carrying on systematic campaigns for all war activities in every state, every county, every city and every rural community throughout the Union, and local citizens are determined that Lowndes county shall not lag behind in this work.

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a Lowndes county auxiliary of the National Defense Council will be called at an early date, and this call will probably be signed by representatives of the following organizations: The Fuel and Food Administrations, the Speakers' Bureau, the Lowndes County Red Cross, the Junior Red Cross Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Public Service Reserve, the War Savings Stamps committee, the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Council of Defense, the Liberty Loan committee and the Boys' Reserve.

PICTURES AT CAMP PIKE TO BE SHOWN TODAY

'Over Here' Showing Our Boys in Training Will Be Seen at Princess.

The program at the Princess for today is one of wide appeal, as 'Over Here' is official moving pictures of the building of Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., showing how the U. S. A. converted a virgin forest into an ideal training camp for 40,000 of our boys in just 52 days, which is going some.

Also on the same program, that delightful little personality, Ann Pennington, in 'The Antics of Ann,' a clever story of life at a Girls' Seminary, that was made purely for laughing purposes. Making a program of 7 reels, that could not be improved upon. Admission 5 and 15 cents.

Special Meeting Tonight. There will be a special and important meeting of Queen City Camp, Woodmen of the World tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Delicious refreshments will be served. Every member is expected.

Mr. Joe Alexander, a former Columbian, who is now stationed at Camp Wheeler, at Macon, Ga., who is in the Quartermaster's Corps, spent Tuesday in Columbus the guest of friends.

Mr. Bennie Richardson, who is now in the Quartermaster's Corps, at Camp Beauregard, is spending a few days here, and will visit several Southern cities before returning to camp.

Dr. John A. Brown, who has been spending the winter at Washington, D. C., returned to Columbus last night. He states that he expects to spend the remainder of his life in this city.

Paymaster S. P. Vaughn, of the U. S. battleship Missouri, left yesterday after a short visit to his mother, Mrs. George Vaughn, who resides northeast of the city.

Route of Parade Saturday. Parade forms at the City Hall at 10 o'clock, and moves West on Main street to Third street; South on Third street to Fourth avenue to Fifth street; North on Fifth street to College street; East on College street to Seventh street; North on Seventh street to Main street; West on Main street to speakers' stand.

ITEMS OF INTEREST OVER THE COUNTRY

GIST OF THE NEWS GATHERED HERE AND THERE AND PRESENTED IN BRIEF FORM.

More than 1,600 tons of anthracite coal were condemned in Pennsylvania markets by representatives of the Fuel Administration recently in the campaign to compel the delivery of coal.

A division of "betterments and additions" has been added to the railroad administration in charge of Judge Robert S. Lovett. The division will have jurisdiction of betterments and additions to railroad lines throughout the country.

From the beginning of 1914 to August 1, 1917, there was a total advance of 82 per cent in the retail price of bread, according to the Department of Labor. In the last few months there has been a decrease, and prices are now 66 per cent higher than at the beginning of 1914.

Firms or individuals paying officers or business employees a portion or all salaries and wages during the war period in which they are in the service of the United States may deduct the amounts from their taxable incomes, according to a regulation by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

From June 5 to December 1, 1917, only 5,870 arrests were made or reported to the Department of Justice for failure to register under the selective-service act. Of these, 2,663 were released after having registered and prosecutions were begun against 2,059, of which about 1,500 cases are still pending.

Following the plan adopted for California and Colorado, the Food Administration has appointed a commission to determine the cost of producing sugar beets in Nebraska. The commission has no power to fix prices, but it is expected that its figures will serve as the basis for voluntary agreements between growers and purchasers of sugar beets.

The new "Mexican service badge" will soon be issued to officers and enlisted men who served under certain conditions in Mexico and on the border. Persons not now in the army who would have been entitled to the badge and whose separation from the service has been honorable may secure authority from the Adjutant General to purchase and wear the service badge.

STUCKEY OFFERS TO TAKE UP WAR WORK

VOLUNTEERS HIS SERVICES AS Y. M. C. A. SECRETARY ABROAD.

The appeal of Hon. Phil Gardiner of Laurel made in the address which he delivered here last Monday night for volunteers to go to France and engage in war work has already borne fruit. Mr. J. N. Stucky having volunteered his services as a Y. M. C. A. secretary. Mr. Stucky is splendidly qualified for activities of this character. He is state commander of the Knights of the Maccabees, and in that position has had considerable experience in organization work and other duties which he will be called upon to perform among the American soldiers abroad.

Mr. Stucky's application for work in France has already gone forward and several other Columbians are also thinking of entering the foreign service for altruistic work among the soldiers.

Hon. Phil H. Gardiner, of Laurel, who is delivering a series of addresses in the principal towns and cities of the state under the auspices of the Mississippi Division of the National Defense Council, spoke at the First Methodist church Monday night and his address was heard by a large and representative audience.

Read our advertisements.

COLUMBUS WILL STAGE A GRAND STAMP RALLY

HON. C. L. GARNETT WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKER.

STORES TO CLOSE

Speaking to be Preceded by Parade of Students and Citizens.

Columbus will celebrate War Savings Stamps day next Saturday by staging a big patriotic rally, which will be preceded by a monster parade in which students of the Industrial Institute and College, the public schools, members of all local civic and patriotic organizations and citizens generally will participate.

The exercises will take place on a stand which is to be erected at the intersection of Main and Market streets and the principal address will be delivered by Hon. C. L. Garnett, an eloquent member of the local bar.

The parade will precede the speaking, starting from the city hall at 10 o'clock, and all who participate are expected to be on hand in ample time to get in line.

The speaking will begin at 11 o'clock, and Mayor McClanahan has issued a proclamation urging all merchants to close their stores at that hour and keep them closed until noon.

The Boy Scouts will carry the big flag which is now at I. I. and C.

Following are the other organizations with the chairman in charge of each:

Bernard Romans Chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Sheffield and Mrs. G. W. Sherman; U. D. C., Chapter, Mrs. B. L. Owen; Parent-Teacher Assn., I. I. and C., Mrs. Frank Owen; Parent-Teacher Assn., Barrow School, Mrs. Mary Stokes; Parent-Teacher Assn., Franklin Academy, Mrs. J. C. Meadows; Twentieth Century Club, Mrs. S. B. Street, Jr., Civic League, Mrs. J. M. Kaufman; Woman Suffrage Association, Mrs. William Baldwin; Alumnae Association, I. I. and C., Miss Keirn; Classical Association, Miss Pasley; I. I. & C. Student Body, Miss Bonnie Jean Byrd; Reading Circle, Mrs. F. E. Reaser; Red Cross Chapter, Mrs. John T. Sanford; Red Cross, I. I. & C., Miss Vaughn.

The postoffice and stores and banks of the city will be asked to close during the hour of the parade and during the time of the program on Main street. The Princess orchestra will furnish music for the occasion.

Registrants Called.

Following instructions from Adjutant General Eric Scales, the local exemption board has ordered 40 registrants to report next Saturday. Twenty-eight men are needed to fill up the county's quota, and it was decided to call 40 so as to be sure of securing the requisite number.

The men will go to Camp Pike, but will not entrain next Saturday, having been called on that date merely to receive instructions. They will leave for the training camp at some date in the near future, probably on Saturday, March 30.

Following is the complete list of the men called up:

White: Irb Taylor, Garland Lindamood, Jasper M. Partain, William B. Dreese, Otis A. Miller, Robert Palmer Harris, James Garland Wood, Jr., Frank Perkins, Eddie Jones, Robert Luther Taggart.

Negroes: Sheer Spans, John Alexander, Robert Moore, Jim Burnett, Amos Black, Isaac Montgomery, Mitchell Evans, Sam Peeples, Walter Odneal, Walter Cooper, Willie Martin, Nathan Johnson, Willie Williams, Reuben Covington, Dan Williams, Willie St. John, George Franklin, Isaac Harris, Will Elliott, Samuel Walker, Charlie Sam Love, Robert Sykes, Robert Gore, Charlie Clifford, Spencer Clifford, Jim Quinn, James Manning, Earl Walker, Dan Williams.

Lott Goes to Mobile.

Prof. T. E. Lott, formerly principal in the local high school, and who for some time past has been away from the city, spent the first of the week here en route to Mobile, where he is to report at once for Coast Artillery service. He leaves today for Fort Morgan, near Mobile.

PHIL. GARDINER SPEAKS HERE TO A LARGE CROWD

BIG AUDITORIUM OF FIRST METHODIST CHURCH IS PACKED.

WORKERS NEEDED

Speaker Urged Men Beyond Draft Age to Volunteer for Altruistic Work.

Mr. Gardiner, who is connected with the Eastman-Gardiner Lumber Company at Laurel, has recently returned from France, where he spent several months in uplift work among the American soldiers. While abroad he served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary and was constantly in touch not only with the men under General Pershing but with military operations generally.

The program was opened by the singing of "America," after which Rev. R. Excell Frye, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, read a passage from the Bible and this was followed by an invocation of God's blessing upon the assemblage by Rev. T. L. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist church. Mr. Gardiner was then introduced by Rev. S. L. Pope, pastor of the First Methodist church, and delivered a forceful address, the principle feature of which was an appeal to men beyond the draft age to volunteer for uplift work abroad. He said that men of this character were urgently needed by the Y. M. C. A. and other similar organizations and declared that those engaging in religious and altruistic activities were entitled to just as much credit as the soldiers who are engaged in actual battle.

Mr. Gardiner, who while here was the guest of Mr. Warren M. Cox left Tuesday morning for West Point, where he spoke Tuesday evening.

Conditions With Our Enemies.

The Washington Bureau of Labor Statistics has been closely watching the enemy press in efforts to obtain news from the innumerable utterances therein. A remarkable statement of the actual conditions has been given, and we summarize the results here.

In Turkey the population faces actual starvation, and the people of Germany and Austria are deteriorating from a lack of sufficient nourishment. Hungary, while better off than Austria, in this respect, has caused much resentment upon the part of Austrians by refusing to ship foodstuffs. Profiteering transportation difficulties and selfishness on the part of people plague our enemies as well as ourselves.

A bit of satisfaction is obtained from the slaughter of the animals of the conquered provinces by the Germans in the early part of the war. The Teutons were sure of a short war, and instead of conserving the food supplies, killed them to feed the army, and thus cut off an important source of future food, thus causing a great scarcity of meat, milk and eggs.

Style Show Week.

The big department store of Simon Loeb and Bro., Inc., is this week having its Style Show, and many people, not only in Columbus, but from surrounding sections have been in attendance to see and purchase the beautiful new designs which are on display. The newest styles for spring are represented in this advance spring showing of women's fashionable footwear. They are elaborate displays in every department.

During the next three days this store will have on sale extra specials at wonderful bargains.

Messrs. Brown, Brand, Percy and Sample, representatives of the Tifton Tool Manufacturing Company, of Tifton, Ga., are spending some time here displaying the Eclipse Harrow in the building next to Donoghue, Dee and Co., on Market street. The Tifton company is represented here by the Banks Hardware Company.

Members of the Red Cross Association who donated during the Christmas drive held here, can before April 1 by paying one dollar receive a subscription to the Red Cross Magazine.

NOTED PYTHIAN TO SPEAK HERE THIS EVENING

FRED. ATWOOD TO LECTURE ON "HAPPINESS" AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

PUBLIC IS INVITED

Is Delivering Series of Ten Lectures Throughout the State.

As guests of Tombigbee Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, the people of Columbus are invited to hear a most interesting lecture this evening at 8:15 o'clock at the First Baptist church by Hon. Frederick Atwood, the noted blind Pythian orator. His subject will be "Happiness," which will be of interest to every citizen of this city. Mr. Atwood is delivering ten lectures in Mississippi and selected Columbus as one of his speaking points. He will probably be accompanied to this city by Hon. H. M. Quinn, grand keeper of records and seal, of Meridian.

Mr. Atwood is a brilliant orator, and has made a splendid impression in every city in which he has spoken. Columbians who hear him are promised a rare intellectual treat. Mr. Atwood will be introduced by Hon. J. I. Sturdivant.

Mayor Issues Proclamation.

In accordance with the request of President Wilson and the Governor of Mississippi that Saturday, March 23, be set apart as War Stamps Day, so that our people may devote their energies toward the sale of these stamps and joining in appropriate patriotic exercises, I respectfully ask that all business houses of this city be closed from 11 until 12 o'clock on Saturday, March 23, 1918, and that all our citizens participate in the exercises which will be held at the intersection of Main and Market streets at 11 o'clock under the auspices of the Council of National Defense of Lowndes County.

Done in the City of Columbus, Miss., this the 19th day of March, 1918.

D. S. McCLANAHAN, Mayor.

Urges Yellow Stripes Garb for Slacker

Texas, March 20.—Slackers should be forced to wear a large yellow stripe down their coat backs and down their shirts, so they could be recognized, Judge Gordon Russell, presiding over the federal district court for the Eastern district of Texas, said Tuesday in denying a writ of habeas corpus to prevent a draft board from placing a man in immediate military service. The application was denied and the man turned over to military authorities.

Spring Opening Tonight.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the grand spring opening of W. C. Beard, Inc., which will take place this evening from 7:30 to 10:30 o'clock, and continuing through Friday and Saturday. The big store will present for your approval authoritative fashions for spring of 1918, including imported hats, tailored suits, street dresses, shoes, dress materials, etc. An immense crowd is expected to be in attendance at this annual fashion show.

West is Captured.

West is captured, a young Columbian, who several weeks ago was placed in the county jail after having been convicted on a larceny charge and who recently escaped, is in custody again. He was captured at Reform, Ala., and has been sent back to the city.

Will Present Play.

The members of the Franklin Academy High School will on April 12 give a play entitled "The Junior." The performance will take place in the chapel of the new Stephen D. Lee High School, and will be most interesting to everyone who attends.

After spending several days in Memphis on business, Mr. Louis McCullough has returned to Columbus.

Mrs. T. J. Evans, of Macon, has been the guest of Mrs. W. F. Patty the past few days.